



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

Room 412 East, State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin

May 4, 2005
8:40 - 9:30 a.m.

[The following is a summary of the May 4, 2005 meeting of the Joint Legislative Council. The file copy of this summary has appended to it a copy of each document prepared for or submitted to the committee during the meeting and a copy of the registration form listing those who attended. A digital recording of the meeting is available on our Web site at <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lc>.]

Call to Order and Roll Call

Co-Chair Wieckert called the meeting to order and gave a brief report on the status of the Joint Legislative Council study committee work.

He stated that two committees were scheduled to report today: Recodification of Chapter 938, the Juvenile Justice Code and Tax Exemptions for Residential Property (Columbus Park). However, he said, the Special Committee on Tax Exemptions for Residential Property (Columbus Park) will be deferred until the Council's June 1 meeting. This will allow more time to review this committee's draft. The Special Committees on Municipal Annexation and State-Tribal Relations will also be reporting at the next meeting and Election Law Review will report to us early in the fall.

He announced that the Public Affairs Class of the La Follette School will make a presentation on the relationship between demographic trends and public policy issues. This special graduate class project is based upon the information presented at the Council symposium on demographics held earlier this year. This is the fourth group of graduate students to work on Legislative Council projects. Earlier projects have concerned autism, open records, and state education funding. The Council is pleased to have these students here today.

After finishing his remarks, Co-Chair Wieckert asked that the roll be taken. A quorum was noted present.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
PRESENT:

Rep. Steve Wieckert and Sen. Alan Lasee, Co-Chairs; Reps. John Ainsworth, Stephen Freese, John Gard, Dean Kaufert, Jim Kreuser, Ann Nischke, Mark Pocan, Marlin Schneider and David Travis; Sens. Ronald Brown, Russell Decker, Scott Fitzgerald, Glenn Grothman, Dan Kapanke, Mark Miller, Fred Risser and Judith Robson.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
EXCUSED:

Rep. Michael Huebsch; and Sens. Dale Schultz and David Zien.

COUNCIL STAFF PRESENT:

Terry C. Anderson, Director; Laura Rose, Deputy Director; Don Dyke, Chief of Legal Services; John Stolzenberg, Chief of Research Services; William Ford, Mary Matthias, Mark Patronskey, Don Salm, Anne Sappenfield, Ronald Sklansky and Russ Whitesel, Senior Staff Attorneys; Mary Offerdahl, Staff Attorney; David Lovell and Dan Schmidt, Senior Analysts; and Kelly Mautz, Wendy Ulrich, Tracey Uselman and Rachel Veum, Administrative Assistants.

APPEARANCES:

Rep. Scott Suder, Chair, Special Committee on Recodification of Ch. 938, the Juvenile Justice Code; Andrew Reschovsky, Professor, Robert M. La Follette School of Public Affairs; Stephanie Caucutt, Andrea Hockman, Tori Key, Melissa Schmidt, Hilary Shager and Natalie Walleser, Students, Robert M. La Follette School of Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

**Approval of the Minutes of the Committee's
April 6, 2005 Meeting**

Co-Chair Wieckert asked for a motion to approve the April 6, 2005 minutes of the Joint Legislative Council.

Sen. Risser moved, seconded by Co-Chair Lasee, that the minutes of the April 6, 2005 meeting be approved. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

**Committee Report of the Special Committee on
Recodification of Ch. 938, the Juvenile Justice Code**

Representative Scott Suder, Chair, briefly reported on the work of the committee and LRB-2670/1, the committee's recommended draft.

Co-Chair Wieckert asked if there was any discussion on this draft. After hearing none:

Sen. Risser moved, seconded by Rep. Schneider, that LRB-2670/1, relating to reorganizing, making nonsubstantive editorial changes to, revising and creating titles in, clarifying ambiguous language in, and making minor substantive changes to the Juvenile Justice Code, be approved by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, 19 (Reps. Wieckert, Ainsworth, Freese, Gard, Kaufert, Kreuser, Nischke, Pocan, Schneider and Travis; and Sens. Lasee, Brown, Decker, Fitzgerald, Grothman, Kapanke, Miller, Risser and Robson); Noes, 0; and Excused, 3 (Rep. Huebsch; and Sens. Schultz and Zien).

[Sens. Schultz and Zien; and Rep. Huebsch noted that had they been present, they would have voted "aye" on LRB-2670/1.]

Presentation by Students of the Public Affairs Class of the Robert M. La Follette School of Public Affairs

Six students from the Robert M. La Follette School of Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin (UW)-Madison, gave a very informative PowerPoint presentation on the impact of an aging population on the provision of long-term health care in Wisconsin. This report is the result of collaboration between the Robert M. La Follette School of Public Affairs at the UW-Madison and the Joint Legislative Council. The objective is to provide graduate students at La Follette the opportunity to improve their policy analysis skills while contributing to the capacity of the Joint Legislative Council to provide the Legislature with high-quality analysis on issues of concern to the citizens of this state.

Based on their research, the students recommended the following topics for investigation by Legislative Council study committees:

- Examine the current situation of informal caregiving for the elderly in Wisconsin.
- Evaluate, compare, and determine the future of the Community Options Program and Family Care.
- Evaluate options for alleviating the workforce shortage in long-term care.

Several Council members commended the students for their presentation. After a number of questions from the members of the Council, Co-Chair Wieckert thanked them for their excellent presentation and for all the hard work they observably put into this. Copies of the complete report are available at the Legislative Council Web site: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lc>.

Committee Report of the Special Committee on Tax Exemptions for Residential Property (Columbus Park)

As acknowledged in Co-Chair Wieckert's opening remarks, the report of the Special Committee on Tax Exemptions for Residential Property (Columbus Park) was deferred to the Council's June 1, 2005 meeting.

Other Business

Co-Chair Wieckert reminded the Council members that the next meeting of the Joint Legislative Council will be Wednesday, June 1, at 8:30 a.m., in Room 412 East, State Capitol. There was no other business to come before the Joint Legislative Council.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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